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--According to one aspect of the invention, a delivery box adapted in use to be built into an external wall of a building has an outer door which is openable to enable deliveries to be placed inside the box but which locks automatically when said door is then closed and a rear door openable directly into, and lockable from, the interior of the building, the outer door being provided with a digital computerised locking system operable by pre-arranged single-use code numbers.

Preferably, the box has proportions which in use are secured in seams in the wall.--

Please replace paragraph 10 on page 1 (line 24) with the following:

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--The outer door may have a deposit drawer.--

Please replace paragraph 11 on page 1 (line 25) with the following:

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--The box preferably has a connection to a main electricity supply.--

Please replace paragraph 12 on page 1 (line 27) with the following:

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--The box may include a chilled storage compartment.--

~~Please delete paragraphs 14, 15, and 16 on page 2 (lines 2-7).~~

After paragraph 16 (line 6) on page 2 and before the paragraph beginning "The invention will now be described...", please add the following new paragraphs:

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--The box may have a connection to an alarm system.

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According to another aspect of the invention, a method of delivering articles to a building equipped with a delivery box for accepting the articles which is built into an external wall of a building and has an outer door with an automatic locking system which is operable by a single-use access code, a compartment for storing the articles, and a lockable rear door for accessing the stored articles from inside the building, comprises inserting a single-use code into the locking system, opening the outer door, placing the articles to be delivered in the compartment, closing the outer door so that said door automatically locks and cancels the code used for opening the outer door, opening the rear door from within the building, removing the articles from the compartment, and programming the locking system of the outer door with a new code.--

Please replace paragraph 26 on page 3 (line 3) with the following:

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--Referring now to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, a large delivery box indicated generally at 10 is made of metal and/or strong plastics material and is shown built into an external masonry wall indicated generally at 12 of a house. The wall conventionally comprises an outer leaf 14 and an inner leaf 16 separated by a cavity 18. The box 10 is securely fixed in the wall 12 by means of projections (not shown) which are concreted into seams in the masonry, and has an outer door 20 with a handle 22 and hinges 24 which is practically flush with the exterior surface 26 of the wall 12. The box 10 projects a short distance into the interior of the house in order to have a useful front-to-back dimension, and has a rear door 28 with a handle 34 openable directly into, and lockable from, said interior to facilitate the removal of deliveries.

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The box 10 is adapted to be supplied with mains electricity from within the house, to enable it to include both a chilled storage compartment 30 and a frozen storage compartment 32, and also lighting (not shown) if desired. The outer door 20 is openable to enable deliveries to be placed inside the box, but is arranged to lock automatically when it is then closed. This is effectively achieved by employing a digital computerised locking system (not shown) operable by pre-arranged code numbers. Said system can be button- or card-operated in such a way that the door 20 is opened by a pre-arranged single-use code number which is erased from the system's memory when said door is closed and self-locked. The box 10 is adapted to be connected to a burglar alarm system (not shown) existing within the house. A typical size for a large box 10 suitable for accepting, inter alia, deliveries of food from a supermarket is, say, 1200 millimetres in internal height by 600 millimetres in internal width and depth, but a height of more than two metres is preferably avoided as this would require planning permission. It will be understood that the delivery box 10 just described is a de luxe or top of the range unit. Many of its features can be omitted without departing from the scope of the invention. An external child-resistant grille (not shown) with an opening catch disposed at a high level so as to be difficult for a child to reach then becomes a desirable adjunct to the box 10.--

Please replace paragraph 27 beginning on page 4 (line 20) with the following:

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--Referring now to Figures 3 and 3a of the drawings, a smaller delivery box indicated generally at 40 which is still large enough to accept supermarket and mail order deliveries is built into an external masonry wall 41 of a house. The box 40 has only an outer door 42 with a

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handle 44 and hinges 46, which is openable to enable deliveries to be placed inside said box but which locks automatically when it is closed. The locking system employed is of the digital computerised type hereinbefore referred to, and an external grille as described in the preceding paragraph can be fitted if desired. The door 42 of the box 40 is fitted with a large letter deposit flap 48 which conveniently opens into a receptacle 49 mounted on the back of said door.--

Please replace paragraph 30 on page 5 (line 16) with the following:

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--Figures 5 and 5a of the drawings show a large delivery box having an outer and only door 62 with a handle 64 and hinges 65 which is secured to the external surface of an exterior wall 66 of a house and to a concrete path 68 adjoining said wall by means of internal and thus inaccessible masonry bolts 70. A typical size for the box 60 is, say, 1500 millimetres in height by 600 millimetres in internal width and depth. The door 62 is openable to enable deliveries to be placed inside said box but locks automatically when it is closed, the locking system being of the digital computerised type hereinbefore referred to.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel original claims 1-15 and enter the following new claims:

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--16. A delivery box adapted in use to be built into an external wall of a building and having an outer door which is openable to enable deliveries to be placed inside the box but which locks automatically when said door is then closed and a rear door openable directly into, and lockable